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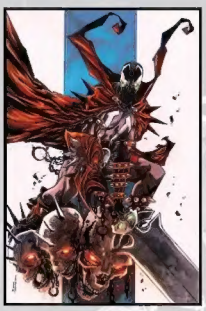

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Spawn and Lyra make a narrow escape from Bludd's forces and ready themselves for a counter-attack.

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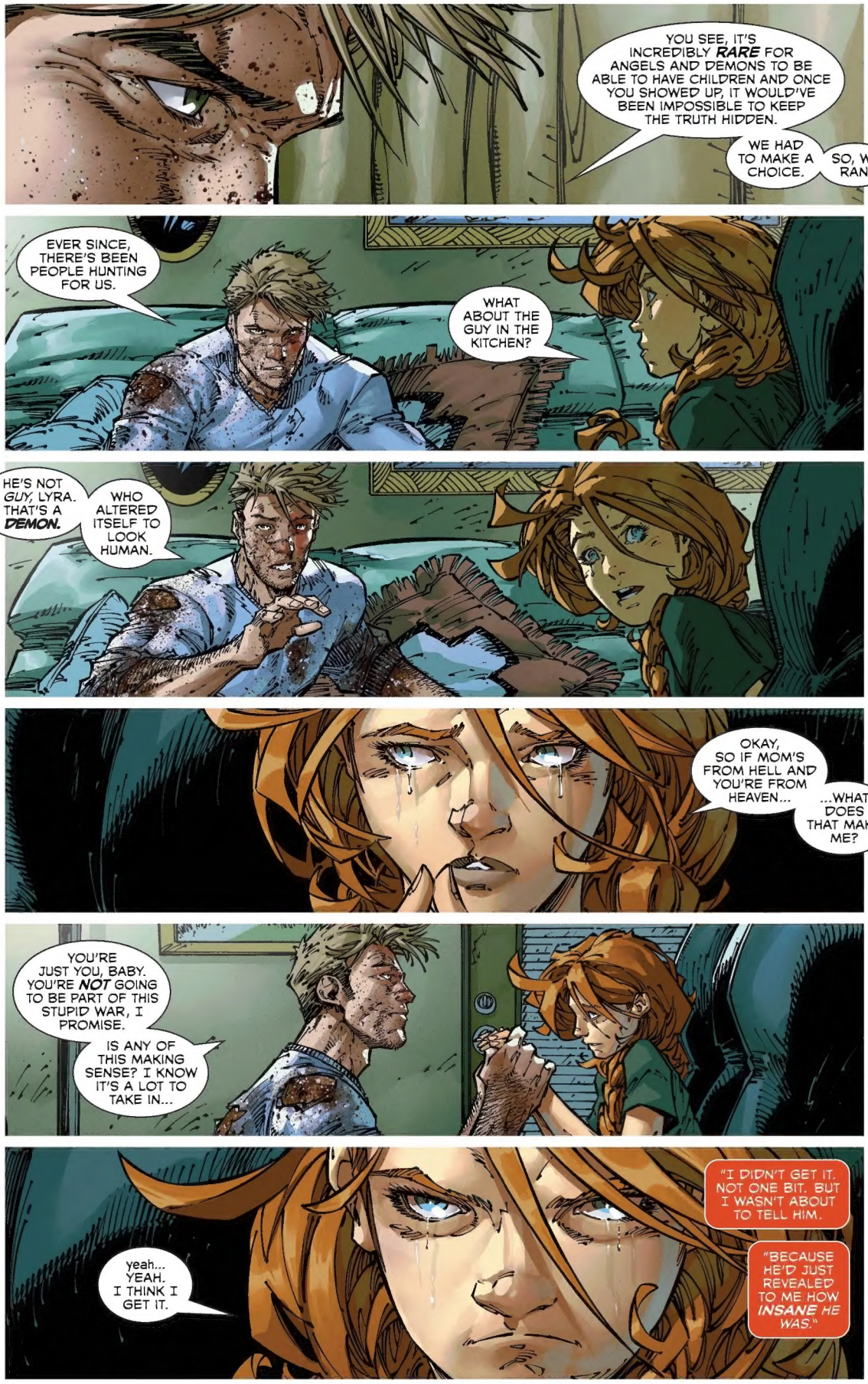
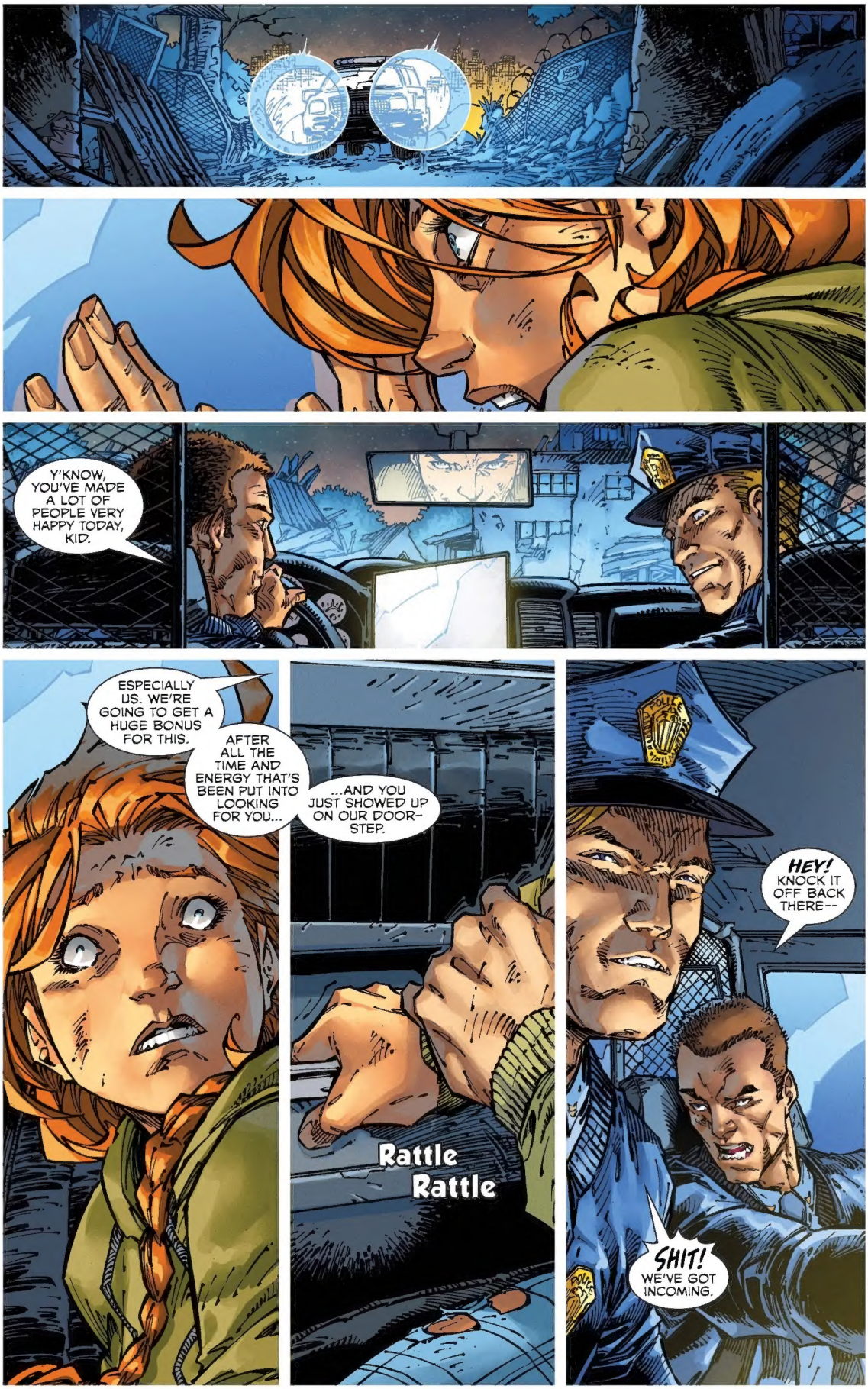
SIXTEEN YEARS AGO.
"I ONLY HAVE ONE PHOTO OF ME WITH MY PARENTS.
"PARTLY, IT'S BECAUSE MY FAMILY MOVED A LOT WHEN I WAS YOUNGER AND THINGS GOT LOST.
"THE OTHER REASON IS THAT MY MOM DIED WHEN I WAS FIVE.
"FOR YEARS I THOUGHT IT WAS CANCER...
DAD? I'M HOME.
DEATH
"... IT TURNED OUT TO BE ONE OF MANY LIES MY FATHER TOLD ME WHEN I WAS GROWING UP."
LYRA, WAIT, DON'T...

...COME IN.
AGHHHH
LYRA!
LYRA!
Mmphh
PLEASE, I CAN EXPLAIN EVERYTHING.
I PROMISE.

"IT WASN'T QUITE EVERYTHING, BUT HE DID EXPLAIN A LOT THAT DAY.
"LIKE A WAR BETWEEN HEAVEN AND HELL THAT HAD BEEN RAGING ON FOREVER.
"AND HOW HE AND MOM HAD BEEN SOLDIERS ON OPPOSITE SIDES."
YOUR MOM AND I... WE'D BOTH BEEN PLACED ON EARTH. ASSIGNED TO MONITOR EACH OTHER.
BUT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, WE FELL IN LOVE.
WHICH WAS DANGEROUS BECAUSE IF EITHER SIDE FOUND OUT, WE WOULD'VE BEEN KILLED.
WE KEPT OUR RELATIONSHIP SECRET FOR YEARS.
UNTIL WE FOUND OUT WE WERE HAVING YOU.


YOU SEE, IT'S INCREDIBLY ***RARE*** FOR ANGELS AND DEMONS TO BE ABLE TO HAVE CHILDREN AND ONCE YOU SHOWED UP, IT WOULD'VE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP THE TRUTH HIDDEN.
WE HAD TO MAKE A CHOICE.
SO, WE RAN.
EVER SINCE, THERE'S BEEN PEOPLE HUNTING FOR US.
WHAT ABOUT THE GUY IN THE KITCHEN?
HE'S NOT A *GUY*, LYRA. THAT'S A ***DEMON.***
WHO ALTERED ITSELF TO LOOK HUMAN.
OKAY, SO IF MOM'S FROM HELL AND YOU'RE FROM HEAVEN...
...WHAT DOES THAT MAKE ME?
YOU'RE JUST YOU, BABY. YOU'RE ***NOT*** GOING TO BE PART OF THIS STUPID WAR, I PROMISE.
IS ANY OF THIS MAKING SENSE? I KNOW IT'S A LOT TO TAKE IN...
yeah... YEAH. I THINK I GET IT.
"I DIDN'T GET IT. NOT ONE BIT. BUT I WASN'T ABOUT TO TELL HIM.
"BECAUSE HE'D JUST REVEALED TO ME HOW ***INSANE*** HE WAS."

"I WAS PATIENT THOUGH. I PLAYED ALONG UNTIL AN OPPORTUNITY PRESENTED ITSELF.
POLIC
HE'S *CRAZY!* *MURDERED* SOMEONE IN OUR KITCHEN AND NOW HE THINKS HE'S PART OF A WAR BETWEEN HEAVEN AND HELL.
YOU'VE DONE THE RIGHT THING, LYRA.
WE WILL LOOK INTO THIS. IN THE MEANTIME, SOME COLLEAGUES WILL TAKE YOU TO A FOSTER HOME WHERE YOU'LL BE SAFE.
"AND LIKE AN IDIOT, I BELIEVED HER."
THANK YOU.


Y'KNOW, YOU'VE MADE A LOT OF PEOPLE VERY HAPPY TODAY, KID.
ESPECIALLY US. WE'RE GOING TO GET A HUGE BONUS FOR THIS.
AFTER ALL THE TIME AND ENERGY THAT'S BEEN PUT INTO LOOKING FOR YOU...
...AND YOU JUST SHOWED UP ON OUR DOOR-STEP.
Rattle Rattle
HEY! KNOCK IT OFF BACK THERE--
SHIT! WE'VE GOT INCOMING.

LET HER GO.
POLICE
BACK AWAY, ALLAIN!
HER UNCLE'S BEEN WAITING A VERY LONG TIME TO MEET HER AND--

CRACK
POLICE
POLICE
KRA-
THUNK

DAD?!
I'M SORRY, I...
IT'S ALRIGHT, BABY.
YOU'RE SAFE.
WE NEED TO MOVE, ALLAIN. THERE'LL BE MORE ON THE WAY.
"ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS WE'D BEEN ABLE TO EVADE OUTSIDE FORCES FOR SO LONG WAS DAD'S OLD HANDLER, CARL.
"DAD SAVED HIS LIFE WHEN THEY WERE YOUNGER. SINCE THEN, CARL HAD REPAID THAT DEBT MANY TIMES OVER...
"...TIPPING OFF MY PARENTS WHENEVER THEIR PURSUERS WERE CLOSING IN.
"HELPING TO ORGANIZING NEW HOMES AND IDENTITIES."

"WE NEEDED HIS HELP A LOT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS."
GET UP!
WE'VE GOT FIVE MINUTES TO CLEAR OUT!
DAD...
...DO YOU EVER REGRET WHAT YOU'VE DONE?
NOT FOR A SECOND. YOUR MOM AND I, WE KNEW WHAT WE WERE GETTING INTO.

THIS STUPID F*CKING WAR, IT TEARS EVERYTHING APART. IT'S NO LIFE.
IT'S EATEN UP EVERY GENERATION OF OUR FAMILIES SINCE THE DAWN OF TIME. WE WEREN'T GOING TO LET THAT HAPPEN TO US...
...AND WE CERTAINLY WEREN'T GOING TO LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU.
DAD...
MOM DIDN'T DIE OF CANCER, DID SHE?
NO.

YOUR MOM WAS PART OF A TOP MILITARY UNIT WITHIN HELL AND THEY TOOK HER DESERTION PERSONALLY. THEY NEEDED TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OUT OF HER.
SHE WAS ALONE WHEN THEY FOUND HER.
RUN
"NORMALLY, SHE COULD'VE TAKEN ANY ONE OF THOSE ASSHOLES DOWN, BUT THEY SENT AN ENTIRE HIT SQUAD.
"WE'D ALWAYS AGREED IF SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED, WE WOULDN'T GO BACK FOR EACH OTHER.
ORLA
"ONE OF US WOULD GET YOU AND RUN."

SO, THAT'S WHAT I DID.
BUT SHE WOULD'VE BEEN SO PROUD OF YOU.
DON'T TOUCH ME!
YOU F*CKING COWARD! HOW COULD YOU JUST LEAVE HER?!? SHE WOULD'VE FOUGHT FOR YOU!
YOU'RE WRONG. YOUR SAFETY WAS ALL THAT MATTERED TO HER.
EVEN IF I HADN'T HAD TO THINK ABOUT YOU, THERE'S NO WAY I COULD'VE MADE IT BACK TO HER IN TIME.
"AND I'LL REGRET THAT 'TIL MY LAST BREATH.

"WE WERE ON THE ROAD FOR ALMOST A YEAR. THEN... MY POWERS EMERGED.
"I'D BEEN HOPEFUL THEY'D COME, BUT THERE WEREN'T OTHER HYBRIDS TO COMPARE MYSELF TO. DAD WASN'T EVEN SURE I'D DEVELOP."
WHY DO YOU KEEP THIS STUFF?
IT'S MY ARMOR, AND IT'S NOT EASY TO COME BY.
WOAH! IT'S CHANGING.
YEAH, IT'S A LIVING METAL. IT CAN FIT ITSELF TO WHOEVER'S WEARING IT.
NOW, ON YOUR FEET.
I WANT YOU TO HIT ME AS HARD AS YOU CAN.

FUP
"THE LAST THING MY PARENTS EVER WANTED WAS FOR ME TO BE PART OF THIS WAR.
"BUT THEY ALSO KNEW THOUGH YOU HOPE FOR THE BEST...
YOU ALWAYS PREPARE FOR THE WORST."
STORAGE
X-MAS TREE

"SO, I GOT PREPARED."
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S GOING ON?
LOOK, I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET TOO EXCITED, BUT I WAS TALKING TO CARL EARLIER AND THERE'S BEEN SOME *DEVELOPMENTS.*
SOME MONTHS BACK, HELL WAS OVERTHROWN AND NOW IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S A ***COUP*** UNDERWAY IN HEAVEN AS WELL.
WHICH MEANS THAT BOTH SIDES NOW HAVE BIGGER THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT THAN US.
IF WE KEEP OUR HEADS DOWN...
...EVENTUALLY THEY MIGHT FORGET ABOUT US.
"THE NEWS COULDN'T HAVE COME AT A BETTER TIME."

"BY THEN, I WAS DESPERATE TO FLY THE NEST.
"DAD HAD DONE HIS BEST BUT INEVITABLY I'D MISSED OUT ON A LOT GROWING UP.
"I WANTED MY OWN LIFE, FREE FROM ALL THE INSANITY OF HEAVEN AND HELL.
"AND FOR THE NEXT SIX YEARS, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I HAD...
"I SHOULD'VE KNOWN IT WOULDN'T LAST."

TWO MONTHS AGO.
THE NIGHT THE WAR IN HELL ENDED.
DAD, SLOW DOWN.
WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S SOME KIND OF COORDINATED ATTACK. WE'RE NOT SURE HOW BUT THE VAMPIRES HAVE FOUND A WAY TO SHUT DOWN OUR POWERS. THEY'RE GOING AFTER EVERYONE.
CARL'S PLACE GOT HIT EARLIER TONIGHT. HE BARELY MADE IT OUT.
HE'S WITH ME NOW, BUT YOU NEED TO GET OVER HERE. IT'S NOT SAFE WHERE YOU'RE AT.
OKAY, GOT IT! I'M ON MY WAY.
"EVERYTHING WAS MOVING SO FAST. I ONLY NOTICED ONCE I WAS ON THE ROAD THAT I STILL HAD MY POWERS
"I TRIED CALLING TO TELL HIM BUT HE NEVER PICKED UP."
OH no...

no
no
NO
NO
DAD?!
DAD?!

Now.
SO THAT'S IT.
I'VE BEEN ON THE RUN EVER SINCE.
ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
NOT FOR NOW.
GOOD. SO, HERE'S HOW THIS IS GOING TO GO DOWN...
YOU HELP GET ME TO BLUDD...
...AND IF I SURVIVE THAT ENCOUNTER, THEN I'LL BECOME ONE OF YOUR SOLDIERS.

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SPAWNING GROUND

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